

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A highly permeable composite reverse osmosis membrane comprising:

a thin film containing an amino group directly connected to an aromatic ring and a microporous support to support the thin film;

wherein the thin film is formed through an interfacial polymerization by reacting a polyvinyl alcohol-based aromatic amine compound having at least two amino groups with at least one substantially monomeric compound having at least two groups that react with the at least two amino groups on the polyvinyl alcohol-based aromatic amine compound, and

wherein the highly permeable composite reverse osmosis membrane having a salt rejection of no less than 34% and no more than 80%, and a permeable flux of no less than 1.0 m³/m²•d as assessed with a pH 6.5 aqueous solution comprising 500 mg/liter of sodium chloride at an operation pressure of 5 kg/cm² and at a temperature of 25°C.

2–3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) The highly permeable composite reverse osmosis membrane according to claim 1, wherein the at least one substantially monomeric compound is an acid chloride.

5. (Previously Presented) The highly permeable composite reverse osmosis membrane according to claim 1, wherein the at least one substantially monomeric compound is at least one polyfunctional acid halide compound selected from the group consisting of aromatic, aliphatic, and alicyclic polyfunctional acid halide compounds.

6. (Cancelled).

7. (New) The highly permeable composite reverse osmosis membrane according to claim 1, wherein the permeable flux is no more than $5.3 \text{ m}^3/\text{m}^2\cdot\text{d}$.